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OF
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SPEAKER of the Honourable
House of COMMONS,

TO THE
KINGS most Excellent MAJESTY.

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May it please your most Excellent Majesty



He Knights, Citizens, and
Burgesses of the Com-
mons House of PARLIA-
MENT, have since their
last Meeting, in many
weighty and arduous Affairs, presented

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Your Majesty with their humble Advice; which with all Thankfulness they acknowledge, never wanted a most Gracious Reception. Never any Prince did so freely commune with his people, and never any people did with more joy and duty commemorate their happiness.

The last Session of Parliament our care was chiefly to secure the Being of this Nation under our ancient happy, Monarchical Government. This Session we have endeavored to advance the Peace and Welbeing both of Church and State.

Material Structures are best secured by deep Foundations in the Earth, but the Foundations of true Happiness are from above: We have therefore in the first place perused the Laws, which do enjoin the observation of the Lords-day, and where we found any defect, either

either in Rules or Penalties, we have with great Care supplied them: Well knowing, That he who doth not remember on the first day of the Week, to observe a Christian Saboth, will hazard, before the week comes round, to forget he is a Christian.

We read in the Story of *Lewys* the ninth of *France*, when he took his Voyage into the Eastern Empire, to assist the distressed Christians: The fame of his Holiness moved the King of *Tantary* to send his Embassadors to offer him friendship, and to acquaint him, he had a desire to become a Christian: Whereupon *Lewys* sent him Preachers, to instruct him in the Christian Religion: But the *Tartarians* observing the Lives of the Christians were not answerable to their Profession; they returned, with the shame of their own ill lives upon them, whose Doctrines were so famous.

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That which in those days was the Reproach of those Christians, is much more at this day the shame of this Nation: We know more, but practise less then they did: We generally love a Sceptical rather then a Practical Religion, and are contented to spend that time in study of curious deceitful Notions, which ought to be imployed in the practice of known Truths. Too many amongst us are of the Sect of the *Gnosticks*, hunting after Novelties and Phantasms, till variety of Notions makes them mad: Hence do arise all those Sects and Schisms in the Church, which being nursed up in Pride, refuse to conform to any Laws, and make Religion it self the Cloak for all their Separations: Whereas true Religion is the Band of Society, the sinews that hold fast the joynts of the Body Politick: If these be broken, the Body must be dismembred; if they be but sprained, the whole body is in pain, and the Member made unuseful.

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At the Opening of this Session, Your
MAJESTY was most graciously pleas-
ed to call upon us to prepare some Laws
for the prevention of the growth of Po-
pery ; and we have heartily laboured
therein, both to prevent the growth of
Popery, and all sorts of Sectaries and
Nonconformists ; But as the rankest
Corn, and the fullest Ears are aptest to
be laid ; so fares it in this matter, these
Fruits are not yet ready for the harvest ;
But we are confident, by the wisdom
of Your Majesties Government, and the
readiness of your faithfull Subjects to
support it, by the just and due Execu-
tion of the Laws, (especially if such
persons be intrusted with the Execu-
tion of the Laws, as do love them) these
persons will either be perswaded to Con-
formity, or forced into a peaceable and
orderly Conversation.

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To this purpose, I am commanded by the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesſes of the Commons Houſe of PARLIAMENT, humbly in their Name, to beſeech Your Maieſty, That You will be pleaſed to iſſue out Your *Proclamation* for the putting thoſe Laws which now are in force, againſt the Popiſh Reſuſants, Se~~a~~ries, and Non-Conformiſts, in effectual Execution.

I am likewiſe commanded to deſire Your Maieſty, That You will be pleaſed to iſſue out another *Proclamation* for the prevention of that Prophaneneſs, Debauchery, and Licentiousneſs, which to the high diſpleaſure of Almighty God, the diſhonor of Your Maieſties Government, and the grief of all good men, is now practiſed amongſt us.

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And for the better securing the Peace of the Nation against the United Counsels of all the Dissenters to our Religion, and established Discipline, we have prepared an Additional Bill for the Ordering the Forces of the Kingdom, whereby Your Majesties Lieutenants, and their Deputy Lieutenants will be enabled to Train, Discipline, and keep together such a Party as will be able to prevent Disorders, and sufficient to check any Insurrections, till the Great Body of the *Militia* can come in to their assistance.

During the late unhappy Wars in this Nation, our Neighbors Eyes were open to spie out all advantages of spoiling our Trade, and to advance their own ; but by the several good Bills made ready for Your Majesties Royal Assent, we hope we shall restore and increase the flourishing Trade of this Nation.

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Great SIR,
 I have but one word more, and that is by command from Your Majesties loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Commons of *England*: They have duly considered the present unsettled condition of this Nation, and the great expence which must attend such Distractions: And do humbly beseech Your Majesty to accept an aid from them, consisting of Four entire Subsidies; Two of which are to be paid by the First of *November* next, and the other Two by the First of *May* next following.

FINIS.



I Do appoint Robert Pawlet to print
*this Speech, and that no other do pre-
sume to print the same.*

Edw. Turnor.

